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SUBJECT: CARTER AFRICAN TRIP - MEDIA REACTION

1. FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF A PAGE ONE ARTICLE IN DELO
OF 3 APRIL : ARTICLE HEADLINE "MAJORITY RULE - CARTER'S
PRINCIPLE FOR AFRICA - WARNING AGAINST INTERFERENCE - INDIRECT
REJECTION OF INTERNAL SOLUTION IN RHODESIA."

2. CARTER, THE FIRST AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO OFFICIALY VISITED
AFRICA YESTERDAY IN THE CAPITOL OF NIGERIA EXPLAINED HIS
GOVERNMENT'S AFRICAN POLICY.

3. HE PROMISED THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL STAND FOR
THREE THINGS IN AFRICA. THESE ARE AFRICAN MAJORITY RULE AND
RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
BASED ON THE BASIC NEEDS OF PEOPLE ON THE CONTINENT, AND PEACE
ON THE CONTINENT, FREE OF COLONIALISM, RACISM AND MILITARY
INTERFERENCE FROM ABROAD AND FREE OF UNAVOIDABLE CONFLICTS
WHICH COME WHEN THE BORDERS OF INDIVIDUAL STATES ARE NOT
RESPECTED.

4. THE PRESIDENT IS ALLSO FOR THE LIMITATION OF
"OUR OWN ROLE AS ARMS SPPLIER" WHILE THE U.S. WOULDN'T ALLOW
THAT" OUR FRIENDS FIND THEMSELVES IN AN INFERIOR POSITION".

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THAT IS WHY THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE FINALIZATION OF AFRICAN
REGIONAL AGREEMENTS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS.

5. AT THE SAME TIME PRESIDENT CARTER HAS WARNED THAT MANY
FOREIGN TROOPS PLAN MILITARY ACTIONS IN ERITREA WHICH WILL
CAUSE EVEN WORSE BLOODSHED AMONG THESE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE.
JUST BEFORE CARTER'S ARRIVAL IN NIGERIA THE U.S. STATE

DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE CUBANS HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS IN ETHIOPIA FROM 16 TO 17 THOUSAND, WHILE THEIR NUMBER WAS ESTIMATED BY WASHINGTON'S OFFICIAL CIRCLES SIX WEEKS AGO AS 11,000. AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING CARTER NOTE THAT, ACCORDING TO THEIR INFORMATION, THE CUBAN ARMY IS ALREADY INVOLVED IN BATTLES OF ERITREA'S BATTLEFIELDS.

6. QUITE A BIT OF THE PRESIDENT'S HALF-HOUR SPEECH WAS DEDICATED TO SOUTH AFRICA WHERE HE STRESSED THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO AVOID BLOODSHED IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. ANGO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS ON RHODESIA WILL, IN HIS OPINION, SOONER OR LATER BECOME THE BEST FOUNDATION FOR GETTING OUT OF THE RHODESIA CRISIS. THAT'S WHY THESE PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE RESPECTED. WITH THIS CARTER HAS, IN THE OPINION OF SOME OBSERVERS, INDIRECTLY REFUSED THE INTERNAL SOLUTION OF SMITH AND THREE AFRICAN POLITICIANS, WITH WHICH THEY WISH TO EXCLUDE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WHICH IS CARRYING ON THE PARTISAN LIBERATION BATTLE.
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